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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 6, 2006, please amend the aboveidentified patent application as follows under the provisions of 37 C.F.R §1.116.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.